



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Chair Peoples; Commissioners Ablaza, Ahuja, McEvoy, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Tsao, and Wettenstein; Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Armendariz, and Recording Secretary Veronica Bejines

Excused Absence: Commissioners Bayangos and Grilli

Absent: Vice Chair Brahmbhatt; Commissioners Bhambhra and Suri

I. Flag Salute

Chair Peoples called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Approval of Alternates

Chair Peoples called for Roll and Alternate Commissioner Ahuja was seated as part of the voting body.

III. Announcements

Mayor Esteves announced that the City Council will hold a Special Budget Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 6 p.m. He said the Council is looking at budget related issues such as union concessions, handling the deficit, contracting out and layoffs.

Greg Armendariz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, announced that he will be staffing the Commission meeting tonight and is happy to answer any questions.

IV. Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*)

Marcella Anthony, Arts Commissioner and Public Art Committee member, asked the Commissioners to vote on three art mock ups for the City Hall Art project. The art project is put on hold because of budget constraints, so once the economy turns around, they will be able to move forward with the City project. The Committee sent out to bid and made a request for proposals for three artists to provide renderings. She asked the Commission to vote on one of the three mock ups: 1) the East Los Streetscapers, 2) Continuous Loop, and 3) Minute Men.

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Motion/Second: Ahuja/Ablaza

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0

Commissioner Tsao arrived at 6:25 p.m.

VI. Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2012

Motion: to approve the March 12, 2012 Unapproved Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Ahuja/Ablaza

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 8

VII. Old Business

A. Subcommittee Updates

There were no new updates.

VIII. New Business

A. BART Update

Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Armendariz presented a PowerPoint Presentation about the upcoming BART extension from Fremont through Milpitas, and ending in North San Jose. There will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, April 12th at 2 p.m. on Mabury Road near the Flea Market.

Commissioner Wettenstein asked if BART will go above or below Montague Expressway and Mr. Armendariz said it will go under Montague.

B. Main Street Parking Report - Update

Mr. Armendariz pointed out that this report was presented to the Commission about a year ago. On Main Street at the intersection of Serra, south of Curtis, the bikes lanes were going to get relocated from Abel to Main Street. As of February 1st, the funds that would have funded the streetscaping and bike lane improvements on Main Street was taken away because of the dissolution of Redevelopment, so now, the City is focusing on repairing the over 100 years plus aging underground utilities on Main Street. The funding is coming from rate payers for utilities. Main Street is an old state highway with aging utilities and infrastructure and the City does not have funding for streetscape and surface improvements on Main Street at this time.

IX. Other Business

None.

X. Adjourn- The Commission adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012.